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In re Application of:  
Higgins

Serial No.: 09/660,635

Filed: 9/13/2000

For: Method For Speech Processing  
Involving Whole Utterance Modeling

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1. Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Of these claims, claims 1-5 are subject to restriction and/or election and stand withdrawn from consideration and claims 6-17 stand rejected. This communication amends claims 7 and 14.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

2. Applicant affirms the provisional election of claims 6-17 for prosecution on the merits, made on February 3, 2004.

3. Claims 7 and 14 stand objected to because the phrase "Baum-Welsh" is allegedly

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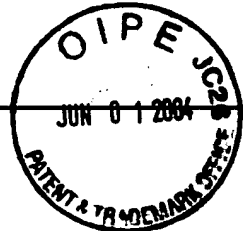
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